

REMARKS

Based on the Decision on Appeal (decided August 30, 2007), the Examiner's rejection of claim 27 was sustained and rejections of claims 1-11, 13-23, 25, and 26 were reversed. By this amendment Applicants have cancelled claim 27, without prejudice, solely in an effort to expedite the prosecution of this case. Applicants reserve the right to file a continuation application with respect to this claim.

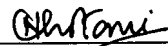
As such, claims 1-11, 13-23, 25, and 26 are patentable. Hence, allowance of these claims is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

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